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memorandum

DATE: January 26, 1982

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CONS: James B. Allen

SUBJECT: W/W John J. Sullivan: Examination of records concerning unidentified corpses.

TO: CONS: George C. Lannon

I spent this morning at the Juzgado Segundo de Primera Instancia of Santa Tecla examining records from the months of March, April and May 1981 concerning unidentified corpses discovered in Nuevo Cuscatlán. No unidentified corpses were found there in February 1981 according to Bachiller Yohalmo A. Herrera, who assisted me in reviewing the records.

Twelve unidentified bodies, eleven men and one woman, were located in Nuevo Cuscatlán during the months in question. Due to the absence of identity documents on their persons and the failure of any individual to positively identify them, the bodies were buried unceremoniously in the Cementerio General de la población de Nuevo Cuscatlán.

All of the males had been shot to death. The physical descriptions of all but one were of dark complexioned, black haired individuals who were too short to be John Sullivan.

There is a very remote possibility that one body might be Sullivan. It was described as being one meter sixty-eight centimeters tall, too short to be Sullivan, and as having dark brown eyes, curly chestnut colored hair, a thin or sparse beard and no moustache, a flat nose, an oval-shaped head, and a ruddy, light brown complexion. When found, the body was clothed in blue trousers, a dark beige, long-sleeved polyester shirt and worn-out black shoes with "sponge" soles. It was buried in the southern plot of the cemetery on March 20, 1981, according to Causa Number 128 of the Juzgado Segundo de Primera Instancia of Santa Tecla.

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